

REMARKS

The *Advisory Action* mailed April 1, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted. A *Notice of Appeal* was filed May 4, 2004. July 5, 2004 was a national holiday in the United States, thus extending the period for response to July 6, 2004. An RCE is further filed together herewith. Therefore, this response is believed to be timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 10, 1997; October 3, 1997; June 4, 1998; February 10, 2000; April 17, 2000; May 16, 2000; June 16, 2000; August 20, 2001; and July 7, 2003. Two further Information Disclosure Statements were filed on February 2, 2004, and February 25, 2004. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 evidencing consideration of the above-referenced Information Disclosure Statements. A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and review and consideration is also respectfully requested.

Claims 13-15, 21, 24-29, 35-40, 42, 45, 47-49 and 56-70 are pending in the present application, of which claims 25, 35, 40, 42, 47-49, 56, 61 and 66 are independent. The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 13-15, 24, 40, 42, 45, 56-60 and 66-70. Claims 21, 24, 25, 27-29, 35, 37-40, 42, 56, 58-61, 63, 64, 66, 68, and 69 have been amended herewith to better recite the present invention and to correct minor matters of form. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

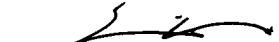
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time in discussing the allowable subject matter in the present application on May 4, 2004. It was understood that one allowable feature of the present invention resides in the recitation of a resin material covering the driver circuit and provided between the first and second substrates. In view therefore, independent claims 25, 35, 56, and 61 have been amended herewith to recite "a resin material provided between said first and second substrates, said resin material covering

said driver circuit." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

As previously asserted, Applicants respectfully further submit that the feature of an inlet disposed at a location where no driver circuit is disposed, as recited in the independent claims, is also allowable over the prior art of record. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest an inlet for injecting a liquid crystal between first and second substrates, where the inlet is provided at a side of the first substrate at which no driver circuit is disposed, which is recited in all of the independent claims of the present invention. Therefore, for this reason, all claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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